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AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT PLANT NEAR COMPLETION IN BUDAPEST

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Hungary's first automotive electrical equipment plant, the AVF (Autovillamossagi Felszerelesek Gyara, Automotive Electrical Equipment Enterprise), located at the corner of Vaci-ut and Legrady Karoly-utca in Budapest, is rapidly approaching completion. It is expected that the plant will start producing at full capacity in March. During 1952, a saving of 2,200,000 dollars /in imports/ will be effected by producing generators and transformers domestically. The plant will manufacture approximately 40 different items, and the forint value of these will be lower than that of imported merchandise.

In the beginning, operations at the plant were hampered by the process of expansion and by lack of experience. However, production figures of 20 months ago have been raised approximately 12 times, and merchandise, including tractor generators, ignition coils, and spark plugs, is being exported. This is especially impressive in view of the fact that only a short time ago Hungary depended on imports for its supply of automotive electrical equipment. After completion of the plant, production will be geared for export and the domestic market alike.

The output of the plant depends to a large extent on the cooperation of other enterprises. For example, the copper section wire for collectors is made by the Matyas Rakosi Works. At the moment, the December allotment has not yet arrived, which means a 20-day delay in the monthly quota of the AVF. The material for the generators is manufactured by the Matyas Rakosi Works. The generators are the most expensive product of the AVF, and are urgently needed at the Csepel automobile plant. The Egyedi Kismotorgyar (Egyed Small Motor Enterprise) is also responsible for the delay. The enterprise produces collectors for the AVF but does not deliver them on time, since the detailed work needed to manufacture the collectors does not aid them in fulfilling their quota.

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At first, due to the rapid growth of the AVF, there were complaints about the quality of its products. Now, the Csepel automobile plant, is satisfied with the generators supplied by the AVF.

In one section of the tremendous warehouse are crates filled with automotive electrical equipment destined for export.

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